

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS



AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE N.W. FRONTIER OF INDIA

In a recent issue of the *London Gazette* it was notified that the following had been mentioned in despatches in recognition of distinguished services during the Loe-Agra operations on the N.W. Frontier of India, February-April, 1935:—

Sqn. Ldr. James MacGregor Fairweather, D.F.C.

F/O. William John Craig.

L.A./C. (now Colonel) Douglas Rupert Woolnough.

STAFF COLLEGE, CAMBERLEY

The undermentioned officers have completed satisfactorily the course at the Staff College, Camberley, which terminated in December, 1935:—Sqn. Ldrs. C. R. Steele, D.F.C., *p.s.a.*, and E. J. Kingston-McCloughry, D.S.O., D.F.C., *p.s.a.*

IMPERIAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

The following officers have completed satisfactorily a course at the Imperial Defence College which terminated in December, 1935:—Group Capt. C. C. Darley, C.B.E., A.M., *q.s.*, Wing Cdrs. G. B. A. Baker, M.C., *p.s.a.*, Hon. R. A. Cochrane, A.F.C., *p.s.a.*, H. H. M. Fraser, *p.s.a.*, and A. S. G. Lee, M.C., *p.s.a.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

The following flight cadets have successfully completed their course of training at the Royal Air Force College. The names are arranged in alphabetical order:—

Atkins, A. R. (Winner of Air Ministry Prize for Aeronautical Engineering), Banthorpe, E. (Winner of J. A. Chance Memorial Prize), Chorlton, J. A. (Winner of Air Ministry Prize for Humanistic Subjects), Darwen, J., Dickenson, P. G. S., Dowland, J. N., Dudgeon, A. G., Elsmie, G. (Winner of R. M. Groves Memorial Prize), Foster, F. R., Green, J. D., Jeffries, R. K. (Winner of Abdy Gerard Fellowes Memorial Prize), Longmore, R. M., Lumsden, D.O.F., Mathias, L., Mayhew, J. C., McIntyre, D., Pike, P. J. K. (Winner of H.M. The King's Medal), Press, C. H., Reynolds, R. W., Rivett-Carnac, T. S., Rowbottom, W. L., Skinner, M.P. (Winner of Sword of Honour), Smith-Rewse, B. E., Thompson, J. G.

PERMANENT AND MEDIUM SERVICE COMMISSIONS

In the examination held last November for Short Service officers to qualify for specialising in Engineering, Signals and Armament, twenty-nine officers reached the qualifying standard, and specialisation vacancies will be allotted to the first fourteen, whose names are given below. Those bracketed together obtained equal marks. Subject to physical fitness, arrangement will be made for those marked "E" to join the Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, for the specialist "E" course commencing on September 21, 1936, those marked "S" the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, for the specialist "S" course commencing on April 27, 1936, and those marked "A" the Air Armament School for the specialist "A" course commencing on July 6, 1936.

Flying Officers

1. Holmes, P. H.	"S."	8. Scott, I. A.	"S."
2. Salmon, K. D.	"E."	9. Russell, H. M.	"E."
3. Keddie, W. M.	"E."	10. Stewart, C. M.	"S."
4. Hope, N.	"E."	11. Fraser, C. F. S.	"A."
5. Dean, H. W.	"A."	12. Stanton, H.	"E."
6. Macdonald, G. E.	"A."	13. Wakelin, N. W.	"E."
7. Allen, H. R.	"A."	14. King, E. B.	"E."

Non-specialist permanent commissions are granted to the following flying officers:—Allsop, H. G. L., Amison, G. N., Biggar, A. J., Bradley, R. M., Buchanan, J. W., Crockart, N. D., Darley, H. S., Dixon, F. H., Grindell, G. J., Harding, A. J. D., Hill, J. H., Howie, G. R., McGhie, I. J., McLean, J. S., Pryde, G. A. M., Radford, D. S., Smith, E. T., Young, R. H.

Non-specialist Medium Service commissions are granted to the following flying officers:—Byram, C. S., Craig, W. J., Denison, H. D. U., Devas, W. G., Evans, J. C., Fleming, W. B., Fry, H. L., Gibbs, E. P. P., Hamilton, A. F., Hilton, F. W., Keiller, D. R., Langton, A. W., McAulay, W. McA., McKeown, D. P., Morgan, T. B., Oldfield, J. H. R., Rumsey, J. R. L., Spottiswoode, A. N., Thompson, E. G., Warner, C. H. T., Watts, J. J., Wilkins, P. N. J., Young, J. W.

A NEW STATION FLIGHT

Station Flight, Northolt, formed on January 6.

NEW F.T. SCHOOL

No. 9 Flying Training School began to form at Thornaby, Yorkshire, on Monday last, March 2. The Commanding Officer is Group Capt. C. H. Elliott-Smith, A.F.C., lately on the staff of the Inland Area.

A GOOD FLIGHT

A Supermarine Scapa of No. 202 (F.B.) Squadron flew from Malta to Gibraltar (about 950 miles) last week in fourteen hours.

THE CRUISE TO JAPAN

The visit of No. 205 (Flying Boat) Squadron to Japan has been cancelled on account of the situation following the assassinations of Japanese Ministers. One of the Singaporees was held up at Amoy with engine trouble, and the other two had reached Shanghai.

NEW STATIONS

* Five new sites for aerodromes have recently been chosen. There will be armament training camps at Woodsford, Dorset, for the Chesil Bank range; at Penrhos, Caernarvonshire, for the Hell's Mouth range; and at West Freugh, Wigton, for the Luce Bay range. Other sites are at Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire, and South Cerney, Gloucestershire.

R.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE

The next qualifying examination for the R.A.F. Staff College will be held from Tuesday, January 19, to Thursday, January 21, 1937, inclusive.

R.A.F. DINNER CLUB

The annual dinner of the Royal Air Force Dinner Club, originally arranged for Friday, June 20, the evening preceding the Royal Air Force Display, will not now take place until November or December. The date will be announced later.

R.A.F. BENEVOLENT FUND

The usual meeting of the Grants Committee was held at Iddesleigh House, on Monday, February 24. Mr. W. S. Field was in the chair, and the other members present were: Mrs. L. M. K. Pratt Barlow, O.B.E., Air Comdre. B. C. H. Drew, C.M.G., C.B.E., Wing Cdr. C. E. H. James, M.C., Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C. The Committee made grants to the amount of £177 11s. 1d. The next meeting was fixed for March 9.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to the undermentioned airmen:—W.O.s Crowe, W. H., Gibbs, H. J., Kerby, W. I. G.; W.O.2s Catt, S. E., Edwards, A. W.; F./Sgts. Abbinett, S., Abbitts, R. N., Allen, C., Atkinson, G. V., Baldson, C., Beadle, E. T., Benney, C. E., Brown, J. E., A.F.M., Burton, W. C., Carter, W. A., Claxton, N. L., Cockram, A. W., Davey, L., Dodds, G. W., Etteridge, E. W., Gallie, J., Gee, T. G., Goat, G. W., Green, A. W., Horton, J. E., Jackson, R. J. B., Jay, N. L., King, W. H., Knowles, A. B., Lea, H., Leary, E. S., Marshall, C. R., May, F. W., Middleton, W. R., Murphy, A. H. F., Pallant, H., Parker, H., Radford, J., Reed, W. S., Sparks, L. A., Trezise, E. A., Tucker, C. E., Ward, W. E., White, E. H.; Sgts. Atkins, A. T., Bollons, L., Bowers, W. S., Brice, R. E., Copp, J. M., Dolphin, S. W., Dunscombe, W. J., Egan, V., Fryer, M. E., Greenfield, R. G., Holmes, F., D.F.M., Hunt, W. R., Killian, W. J., Lidiard, E., Lough, G. M., Malone, J., Masson, W., Mayne, E., Moss, H. C., Murphy, J. D., Pring, W., Quinn, J., Roberts, A. E., Stockey, E. T., Symington, G. A., Tilbury, A. P., Walsh, H. W.; Cpl./A./Sgt. Bellingham, L.; Cpls. Brookes, C. R., Button, W. J., Crockford, W. C.; Fowgies, H., Grishbrook, F. L., Hart, M. G., Howard, G., Kay, V. N. G., Lissamer, R. B. J., Makin, J. R., Cpl./A./Sgt. Mann, D. H.; Cpl. Morrell, A. H. A.; Cpl./A./Sgt. Myers, E. H.; Cpls. Pierce, W. F., Pratt, F. W., Pugh, R. A.; Cpl./A./Sgt. Segrove, J. E.; Cpls. Shears, W. L., Wolsoncroft, A. E., L.A/C. Lloyd, D.